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Letter dated 17 November 2000 from the Chairperson of the Committee on Conferences addressed to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee concerning the Pledging Conference of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

I am writing to you in connection with the provisions of paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A of 3 November 1980, by which the Assembly decided that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly should be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications were being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Accordingly, on 14 November 2000, I transmitted a letter to all members of the Committee on Conferences regarding draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.68, entitled "Pledging Conference of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees", the implementation of which would require an exception to General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985. The draft resolution was adopted by consensus in the Third Committee on 8 November 2000.

With regard to the operative paragraph of draft resolution A/C.3/55/L.68, the Committee on Conferences has been informed that the convening of the ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the announcement of voluntary contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees at Geneva would require an exception to the arrangements established by resolution 40/243.

In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 6 of resolution 35/10 A, the Committee on Conferences is required to advise the General Assembly on the granting of an exception to section I, paragraph 4, of General Assembly resolution 40/243.

I wish to inform you that, having carefully reviewed the case, the Committee on Conferences recommends that the General Assembly should grant an exception

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to section I, paragraph 4 of resolution 40/243, thereby authorizing the ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the announcement of voluntary contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to convene at Geneva, away from its established headquarters.

(*Signed*) Valeria María González **Posse**
Chairperson
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